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REFERENCES: A) SOFIA 2785; B) SOFIA 2675; C) STATE 268205;

D) SOFIA 2384; E) STATE 217917.

1. WE BELIEVE THE BEST WAY TO GO ABOUT LIFTING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES, AS WAS DONE WITH HUNGARY.

2. YOU ARE THEREFORE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE UP DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MFA ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE NOTES AND THE modalities of the exchange. YOU MIGHT BEGIN BY PRESENTING

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MLADENOV WITH A PROPOSED TEXT (SEE PARA 3). YOU SHOULD

EMPHASIZE THAT WE VIEW THIS AS A PART OF OUR OWN EFFORT
TO MAINTAIN FORWARD MOVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS AND AS A
PART OF OUR EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT THE PRINCIPLES OF CSCE.

3. FOLLOWING IS OUR PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR THE U.S. NOTE
ON CLOSED ZONES AND PORT OF ENTRY RESTRICTIONS. WE WOULD
EXPECT SIMILAR LANGUAGE FROM THE BULGARIANS.

QUOTE: (USUAL COMPLIMENTARY GREETING). EFFECTIVE ON
THE DATE OF THIS NOTE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
HAS TERMINATED THE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS OUTLINED IN THE
NOTES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DATED JULY 27, 1967 AND
AUGUST 15, 1967, TO THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF BULGARIA, AS THEY APPLY TO BULGARIAN DIPLOMATS AND
STAFF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO BULGARIAN DIPLOMATIC ESTAB-
LISHMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES. ACCESS OF BULGARIAN
CITIZENS IN THE U.S. TO CERTAIN INSTALLATIONS AND OTHER
PLACES THAT HAVE A NATIONAL SECURITY SIGNIFICANCE IS NOT
INCLUDED IN THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND TRAVEL DESCRIBED
ABOVE. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED, ENTRY INTO OR
STOPPING IN THE VICINITY OF IDENTIFIABLE MILITARY INSTAL-
LATIONS IS PROHIBITED.

THE TERMINATION OF UNITED STATES CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS
FOR BULGARIAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PERSONNEL IS BASED
UPON THE ASSURANCES GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA THAT IT HAS ASSENTED TO TERMINATION
OF CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS IN BULGARIA FOR U.S. DIPLO-
MATIC AND OFFICIAL PERSONNEL ACCREDITED TO BULGARIA, U.S.
OFFICIALS WHO TRAVEL TO BULGARIA AND SUCH OTHER UNITED
STATES CITIZEN PERSONNEL TO WHOM SUCH RESTRICTIONS HAVE
APPLIED. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FURTHER AGREES TO TERMINATE, ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY,
ALL RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF PORTS OF ENTRY INTO
THE UNITED STATES APPLICABLE TO BULGARIAN DIPLOMATIC,
OFFICIAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL, EFFECT-
IVE ON THE DATE OF THIS NOTE. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE). END
QUOTE. ROBINSON

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